

The Publication Committee reported the reception of a paper entitled "Catalogue of the Land and Fresh-water Mollusca of Taiwan (Formosa) with descriptions of new species," by Henry A. Pilsbry and Y. Hirase. (October 9.)

DR. BENJAMIN SHARP made a communication on oyster culture, native and foreign, illustrated by lantern slides. (No abstract.)

Alexander Wilson's Tombstone.—MR. NATHANIEL E. JANNEY remarked that on his first visit in 1862 to the grave of Alexander Wilson in the Old Swedes' Churchyard on Water street, north of Washington avenue in this city, the inscription was entirely legible, but from year to year by the action of the elements it had grown more and more indistinct, until, on the occasion of a visit last month, it was found to be almost obliterated.

Obtaining the consent of a warden of the church he employed a stone-cutter who resurfaced the stone and renewed the original inscription which reads as follows:

This Monument
Covers the remains of
ALEXANDER WILSON
Author of the
American Ornithology
He was born in Renfrewshire, Scotland
on the 6th of July, 1766.
Emigrated to the United States
in the year 1794.
and died in Philadelphia
of the dysentery
on the 23rd August, 1813
Aged 47.
Ingenio stat sine morte decus.

The Latin line is not given by Ord in his *Life of Wilson*.

Ezra T. Cresson, Jr., and Rev. J. A. Tomlinson were elected members.

The following were ordered to be printed: